

REMARKS

Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider the application as amended.

This Amendment is filed in response to the September 1, 2005 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. New claims 41 to 58 are pending. Claims 1 to 40 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for new claims 41 to 58 can be found in the text of original claims 1 to 40. To avoid confusion as to the numbering sequence of the claims and as to the status identifiers for the pending claims, new claims 41 to 58 have been presented.

The undersigned representative thanks Examiner Edwards for clarifying the basis upon which he had issued the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The undersigned spoke with Examiner Edwards by telephone on October 13, 2005 and was advised that a further Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment would be issued. When such further Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was not issued, the undersigned spoke with Examiner Edwards again by telephone on December 13, 2005. The current Amendment is submitted to resolve the issues raised by the September 1, 2005 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. As such the application is ready to be examined on the merits. Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance.

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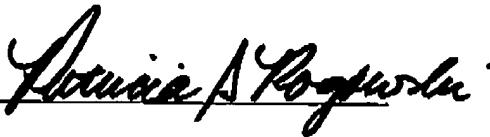
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Enclosed is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, along with authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2775 for \$1020.00. Should the Director determine that any other fees are due before the Examiner may consider this paper, such as a fee for a further extension of time, such extension is requested and the Director is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 03-2775 for the fee amount.

Date: December 13, 2005

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Enclosure:

Petition for 3-Mo. Extension

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